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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the applicants arguments filed on 9/23/2010. Claims 1-15 have been examined and are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 9/23/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

- a. In response to the Applicant's argument the Wall reference does not disclose a retriever module for retrieving information comprising information representative of said maximum bandwidth rate, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument.

The Wall reference clearly discloses the resource optimization module to determine how much of the available network bandwidth to utilize while transmitting data. When a determination of how much bandwidth to consume is made and optimization of the process is performed, a determination of the maximum bandwidth must be made for this optimization ([0034]). Therefore, the Wall reference does disclose a retriever module (resource optimization module) for retrieving information comprising information representative of said maximum bandwidth rate (determination of how much of the available network bandwidth to utilize while transmitting data to a particular HID).

- b. In response to the Applicant's argument that the Wall reference does not disclose said sending module sends to said server via said second network said information, so that said server is able to determine at least one size of successive portions of said required data, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument.

The Wall reference discloses in accordance with the designated protocol a size of the sequence is specified to govern how the audio data is governed and the transmitter controls the sequence size adaptively to maintain audio latency. ([0085]). Therefore the Wall reference clearly does disclose sending module (transmitter) sends to said server via said second network said information, so that said server is able to determine at least one size of successive portions (size of the sequence is governed) of said required data (audio data). Thus, contrary to the Applicants argument, the Wall reference does disclose the limitations of the claim.

c. In response to the Applicants argument that the sending module determining at least one delay between two successive sending steps of said portions, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument.

The Harumoto reference does disclose the determination of delay time between the transmission of stream data from the terminal and to the buffer.([0025]) Therefore, Harumoto does disclose the limitation where the sending module (delay determination step) determining at least one delay between two successive sending steps of said portions (frames of stream data).

d. In response to the Applicant's argument that the Harumoto reference does not disclose the feature of claim 9 of "said capacities comprising a maximum bandwidth rate", the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument.

The Harumoto reference discloses the determination of the transmission capacity of the network and this allows the network to know what amount of data can be transmitted through the network. ([0139]) Therefore, contrary to the Applicant argument, Harumoto does disclose the said capacities comprising a maximum bandwidth rate (determination of transmission capacity of network).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9-11, 14 and 15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wall et al. (U.S. Patent 2003/0037160 A1, hereinafter "Wall") in view of Harumoto et al.(U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0004840 A1, hereinafter "Harumoto").

As to **claim 1**, Wall discloses a data requesting device through at least one first communication network from at least one data server , said data requesting device being able to support up to a maximum bandwidth rate, and comprising:

a sending module for sending requests of determined data to the server via at least one second communication network ([0052]; the HID device transmits request to the computational service provider to provide the requested data via a interconnection fabric),

a receiving module for receiving streamed data from said server into said input buffer via said first communication network and for providing said data to processing means for them to be exploited ([0030]; the HIDs receive the output from the service providers and inherently store them in memory or a cache on the system to process)

a retriever module for retrieving information comprising information representative of said maximum bandwidth rate ([0034]; the resource optimization module to determine how much of the available network bandwidth to utilize while transmitting data) and

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said sending module sends to said server via said second network said information, so that said server is able to determine at least one size of successive portions of said required data ([0085]; the transmitter determines and controls the sequence size is specified to govern how the audio data is processed)

However, Wall does not disclose the sending module determines at least one delay between two successive sending steps of said portions

Harumoto does disclose the device wherein the said sending module determines at least one delay between two successive sending steps of said portions. ([0026]; the delay time determination determines a delay time from when the terminal reads the data to the buffer)

At the time of the invention , it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Wall by incorporating delay time determination unit to determine the delay time as disclosed by Harumoto . The rationale behind this modification is that all the claimed elements were known in the prior art and one skilled in the art could have combined the elements as claimed by known methods with no change in their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

As to **claim 4**, Wall-Harumoto discloses a system wherein said data requesting device an injector (Harumoto,fig.3, CPU , where the CPU performs the functions of the injector) to transfer said data from said central memory (Harumoto,fig.3, 503, ROM)to said processing means only when said data in said central memory fill up to a predetermined middle threshold level (Harumoto [0156], threshold value) of said central memory (fig.3, 503, ROM). ([155],[0156])

As to **claim 5**, Wall-Harumoto discloses a system wherein at least one of said threshold levels (Harumoto,[0141], S_delay) of said central memory depends on a round-trip time between said data requesting device and said server. (Harumoto,[0141], where the delay time to access data from the server)

As to **claim 7**, Wall-Harumoto discloses a decoder (Harumoto, fig.3, 509),

As to **claim 8**, this is a method corresponding to the system in claim 1. Therefore it has been analyzed and rejected based upon system in claim 1.

As to **claim 9**, Wall-Harumoto discloses a device comprising:

a receiving module for receiving requests of determined data from at least one data requesting device ([0030]; the HIDs receive the output from the service providers and inherently store them in memory or a cache on the system to process),

specification means for determining at least one size of successive portions of said data to be provided to said data requesting device (Wall, [0085]; the transmitter determines and controls the sequence size is specified to govern how the audio data is processed), and

a streaming module (Harumoto, [0172], streaming performed by server) for triggering streaming of said data portions to said data requesting device (Harumoto, [0172], Server can stream data to the terminal and control its speed),

said receiving module receiving from said data requesting device information representative of capacities of said data requesting device (Wall, [0052], provides capacity to the system independent of the destination device) and

said specification means being intended to determine said portion size in function of said information (Wall, [0085]; the transmitter determines and controls the sequence size is specified to govern how the audio data is processed),

said capacities comprising a maximum bandwidth rate being supported by said data requesting device (Harumoto, [0139]; transmission capacity of the network is determined);

said specification means determining at least one delay between two successive sending steps of said portions in function of said information (Harumoto, [0134]),

and said streaming module periodically triggers streaming (Harumoto, [0134]; where transmission speed indicating the amount of information to be transmitted within

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in a unit time) of said data portions having said portion size to said data requesting device, with a period equal to said delay,(Harumoto, [0134], [0154], [0175])

said data transmitting device being provided for a data requesting device according to claim 1.

As to **claim 10**, this is a method corresponding to the system in claim 2. Therefore it has been analyzed and rejected based upon system in claim 2.

As to **claim 11**, Harumoto et al.- Iliadis-Laubach et al. discloses a device, wherein said data requesting device being able to support up to a maximum bandwidth rate ([0139], maximum transmission capacity) and comprising at least one input buffer having an input buffer side ([0134]), said capacities consist in said maximum bandwidth rate and said input buffer side.

As to **claim 14**, this is a method corresponding to the system in claim 1. Therefore it has been analyzed and rejected based upon system in claim 1.

As to **claim 15**, this is a program corresponding to the system in claim 1. Therefore it has been analyzed and rejected based upon system in claim 1.

5. **Claims 2, 3, 6, 12 and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wall in view of Harumoto in further view of Clisham et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0168052 A1, hereinafter "Clisham")

As to **claim 2**, Wall-Harumoto discloses the device wherein it comprises of a data pump (Harumoto, playback module) intended to extract data available (Harumoto, [0155], where playback module reads data streams from buffer) in said input buffer (Harumoto, fig.3, 505, reception buffer) and to transfer said data into a central memory (Harumoto, fig.3, 508, decoder buffer) for said data to be exploited by said processing

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means (Harumoto, [0122], where playback module is the processing means whereby it performs actions on the data) ,

Harumoto et al. does not disclose a pause control signal when said data in said and in that said sending means are intended to transmit said pause control signal to said server.

Clisham et al. does discloses a client device producing a pause control signal (fig.4, 460, pause) and in that said sending means are intended to transmit said pause control signal to said server. ([0097])

At the time of the invention , it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Wall-Harumoto by incorporating a pause request to the server as disclosed by Clisham. The rationale behind this is modification would be that a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine the prior arts to achieve the claimed invention.

As to **claim 3**, Wall-Harumoto discloses a Data requesting device wherein said data in said central memory (fig.3, 502 , ROM) decrease down to a predetermined low threshold level ([0157], threshold value) of said central memory ([0156])

Clisham et al. discloses a device wherein said data pump ([0097], protocol component) is able to produce a resume control signal (fig.4, 450,play state) when the data transfer from said input buffer to said central memory has been paused and in that said sending means ([0096], protocol component) are intended to transmit said resume control signal ([0096], play state) to said server. ([0095])

As to **claim 6**, Wall-Harumoto-Clisham discloses the system wherein said data requesting device is able to produce pause (Clisham, fig.4, 460, pause) , resume (Clisham, fig.4, 450, play has the same function as resume) and seek control signals (Clisham fig. 4, 470, seek) for respectively pausing and resuming data streaming and for positioning at given appropriate places of said determined data, and said sending means are intended to transmit to said server sequences of successively said pause, seek and resume control signals (Clisham, [0094]-[0098]) , so as to allow at least one

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feature among fast motion and reverse motion.(Chisham, [0098]), where fast forward and rewind operations performed)

As to **claim 12**, Wall-Harumoto-Clisham discloses a device wherein said receiving means (Clisham, [0098], client device) are intended to receive slow motion messages(Clisham, [0098], where seek state allows the user to preview images) from said data requesting device, and said specification means are intended to determine at least one increased value of said period when said slow motion messages are received. (Clisham, [0098])

As to **claim 13**, Wall-Harumoto-Clisham does discloses a device, wherein said receiving means ([0098], client device) are intended to receive at least one kind of messages among fast motion and reverse motion messages (Clisham, [0098]), where fast forward and rewind operations performed), and said data transmitting device comprises parsing means able to identify successive relevant places in said determined data for at least one of said fast and reverse motions, said specification means being provided for successively positioning at said places, when one of said fast motion and reverse motion messages is received. (Clisham, [0098])

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOE CHACKO whose telephone number is (571)270-3318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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